



## Notices of Firms.

NOTICE.  
WE have authorized Mr. CLAUDE BURDE to sign our Firm from this date.  
DREYER & Co.  
Hongkong, January 1, 1868.

NOTICE.  
R. THOMAS PYKE has this day been admitted a Partner in our Firm.  
BIRLEY & Co.  
Hongkong, January 2, 1868.

NOTICE.  
THE Interest and Responsibility of Mr. A. FERGUSON in our Firm ceased on the 1st day of November, 1866.

A. FERGUSON & Co.

HE Business will be henceforth carried on under the same Name by the Undesignated.

A. D. MITCHELL,  
J. D. MEYERS, and  
HENRY FEIRIS.

Hongkong, December 16, 1867. 16my

NOTICE.  
THE Interest and Responsibility of Mr. A. D. MITCHELL in our Firm, ceased on the 31st day of December, 1867.

A. FERGUSON & Co.

Hongkong, January 3, 1868.

NOTICE.  
THE interest and responsibility of Mr. W. C. VAN OORDT in our firm ceased on the 1st January, 1868.

W. C. VAN OORDT.

Yokohama, October 24, 1867. 1f

NOTICE.  
MY Business, as Ship and Insurance Broker, Commission Agent, &c., hitherto carried on by myself, will henceforward be conducted under the style or Firm of J. S. HOOK, SON & CO.

J. S. HOOK.

Hongkong, September 23, 1867.

NOTICE.  
AS my Engagement ceases in May next, all outstanding Accounts for the past Two Years must be sent in immediately for payment.

MARY HASTELow RANDLE,  
Superintendent.  
Diocesan School,  
Hongkong, January 2, 1868. 16my

NOTICE.  
I HAVE established myself at this port as General Commission Merchant under the Style and Firm of GIFFORD F. PARKER & Co.

GIFFORD FORBES PARKER.  
Saigon, December 20, 1867.

NOTICE.  
I COM and after this Captain J. C. SAUNDERS will undertake the Business of my Marine Surveying at this port.

J. C. DRING,  
Marine Surveyor.

Foochow, August 1, 1867.

NOTICE.  
WITH reference to the above, the business hitherto carried on by H. J. DAVIS, Esq., at Foochow will be conducted by the Undesignated.

J. C. SAUNDERS,  
Chancery,  
Pagoda Anchorage,  
Foochow.

Foochow, August 1, 1867.

NOTICE.  
I HAVE this day established myself at this Port as a General Tea Inspector and General Commission Agent under the Style or Firm of JOHN ODELL & CO.

JOHN ODELL.

Foochow, April 13, 1868. 16ju

HOSON & CO.,  
PUBLIC AUCTIONEERS, SHIPPING  
AND GENERAL BROKERS  
AND  
COMMISSION MERCHANTS,  
Kobe, Hiroo, JAPAN.

NOTICE.  
MR. SIDNEY DEACON is authorized to sign our Firm pro loco from this date.

DEACON & Co.

Canton, February 1, 1868.

NOTICE.  
THE Interest and Responsibility of Mr. EMIL MAINTZ and Mr. JAMES WHEATLEY in our Firm ceased on 30th April last, and Mr. FREDERICK C. ADAMS and Mr. LEOPOLD KAHN are this day admitted as Partners.

REISS & Co.

China and Japan, May 1, 1868. 1ju

NOTICE.  
I HAVE established myself at this Port as a General Storekeeper and Commission Agent.

JAMES EDWARDS.

89, Yokohama, March 19, 1868.

NOTICE.  
MR. RYKE HOLME has been admitted a partner in our Firm.

GLOVER & Co.

Nagasaki, January 1, 1867.

NOTICE.  
THE connection of the Undesignated with the Firm of Messrs THOS. HUNT & CO. ceases from this date.

J. M. ARMSTRONG.

Hongkong, May 1, 1868. 1ag

NOTICE.  
THE connection of the Undesignated with the Firm of Mr. GEORGE F. BOWMAN will act as AGENT of the Pacific Mail Steamship Company at this Port.

S. L. PHELPS,  
Agent.

Hongkong, August 15, 1867.

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NOTICE.  
MR. J. MURRAY FORBES is authorized to sign our name at Canton from this date.

RUSSELL & Co.

China, February 15, 1868.

HOUSES and LANDS.

TO LET.

THE HOUSE No. 14, Shelley Street, adjoining the Club Lusitano. Rent moderate.

Apply to

THOS. W. BARRINGTON,

No. 53, Wyndham Street,

Hongkong, May 8, 1868. 22my

TO LET.

THE Premises situated in Queen's Road, Stanley Street, and at present occupied by Messrs H. MARSH & Co.

For particulars, apply to

LAMMERT, ATKINSON & Co.

Hongkong, 5th September, 1867.

TO LET.

THE HOUSE on Carlton Terrace, Spring Gardens, with or without Grounds, rent moderate.

Apply to

LAMMERT, ATKINSON & Co.

Hongkong, 5th September, 1867.

TO LET.

THE OFFICE and GODOWN on Marine Lot No. 63.

Apply to

GAVIN THOMPSON,

at GIBB, LIVINGSTON & Co. s.

Hongkong, December 16, 1867. ft.

TO LET.

THE OFFICE and GODOWN situated at the corner of Wellington and Aberdeen Streets, and at present in the occupation of Messrs ELLENHORST & SANDERS.

For particulars, apply to

GIBB, LIVINGSTON & Co.

Hongkong, March 6, 1866.

TO LET.

THE OFFICE and GODOWN situated at the corner of Wellington and Aberdeen Streets, and at present in the occupation of Messrs ELLENHORST & SANDERS.

For particulars, apply to

TURNER & Co.

Hongkong, February 8, 1868.

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THE OFFICE and GODOWN situated at the corner of Wellington and Aberdeen Streets, and at present in the occupation of Messrs ELLENHORST & SANDERS.

For particulars, apply to

Messrs A. A. de MELLO & Co., Macao;

or to

Messrs ROZARIO & Co., Hongkong.

Macao, April 18, 1868. 18my

TO LET.

FOUR Large ROOMS on Second Floor above the Offices of the Undesignated, 44, Queen's Road, at present occupied by Messrs C. HOGG & Co. Possession can be taken on the 1st of January, 1868.

For Terms, &c., apply to

G. DUBOST & Co.

Hongkong, November 6, 1867.

TO LET.

TOGETHER WITH THE OFFICE and GODOWN situated at the corner of Wellington and Aberdeen Streets, and at present in the occupation of Messrs ELLENHORST & SANDERS.

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reat with him as the representative of the Chinese Government. When officials come to be examined, will Lord Stanley think of those presented by the "couriers?" exceedingly regret that the false acts which were carefully diffused among Mr. Burlingame's departure in China imposed upon ourselves with all our contemporaries, or of "Civis Britannicus" giving my first cause for any suspicion; but Mr. Burlingame's unlucky efforts to prevent his two Chinese from being looked upon in the capacity, as even the dummy of the Mission of which he is the representative, has let a fatal gleam of light into the hole transaction.

After Alcock lately threatened the British communities of China with severance of the Chinese Government whose hands their Memorials are placed. We wonder what the Government will say when Mr. Gurne's letter is translated to the Memorials.

## LOCAL.

nd of the 73rd Regt. will perform public Garden on Tuesday, the 12th 5 p.m. The following is the pro-

gramme: "L'Italiana in Algeri," "Rossini. " "La Belle Helene," "Strauss. " "Faust," "Gounod. " "Frühling's Lieder," "Gungl. " "Flick und Flock," "Hertel. " "Hertel," Band Sergeant, Conductor.

should in the advertising columns of "Daily Press" challenge some myth in the capacity of reviewer of Mr. Cobden; to appoint "a time to within Victoria before competent and foreigners" to prove what Mr. Gurne's "vile" distortions of certain

Nobility being likely to take any of this inviting proposition, we Mr. Cobden; as regards and place, to the "China Mail" of 1868, where the task he contemplates has already been fully executed. If he wishes to make any reply to criticism, our columns are open to any other individual, for temporary discussion on a literary subject.

governor having received a Notification from Henri du Chesne, the French to the effect that the House at Pondicherry has been flushed, and that the Light can as we seen at a distance of 15 miles, etc. etc. has been pleased to direct notice of the same for general information. By Command, J. GARDNER, Colonial Secretary—Colonial Secretary, Hongkong, 16 May, 1868.

owing account, duly certified, of average amount of Bank Notes in Hongkong, during the Month of April, 1868, is published for information.

ANNUAL AVERAGE	RESERVE
AMOUNT	\$300,000
Bank	460,000
Merchant	329,800
Bank	220,850
Bank & Shanghai	100,000
Total	997,856
	400,000

Total \$2,008,346 \$1,000,000

USPONDENT sends us the following, which is interesting to lovers of natural history:—I caught yesterday a full grown male Mar near Green Island. It is said to be seen at the Hongkong Bay. The only place in China where it is found is Tang-koo, 25 miles East of Hongkong. I have counted 400 in a net of 15 square feet, but all are of the same kind as those from the Malayan Islands, which the Chinese call.

It is in consequence of Mr. Cecil's being about to proceed to Hongkong, to leave Mr. Alfred Lister, who has been appointed Acting Registrar.

the following military items in the "Observer" of April 9, 1868.—In accordance with instructions received from the Government, and with the concurrence of His Excellency the Governor, six companies of the Royal Rifle Regiment will be held in readiness to proceed to the Straits Settlements. Two of the above-named companies will be detached in Labuan, to be prepared to embark, and on the arrival in Ceylon of the same corps will be held at Hongkong. Major Hook, C. M. I., will proceed in command. It is understood that a case has been instituted in the District Court of Kandy by Mr. Dixon against Mr. Orby M. of the Ceylon Rifles, for breach of marriage, in which the damages are £2,000.

ASIA.—As illustrating the growth of timber in the more southern districts of the colony of Victoria mentioned that Mr. Percy Hodgkinson has measured, near the source of the branch of the Wot Yallock Creek, (*Eucalyptus Amygdalina*) that had been split for splitting; its diameter one above the ground was 19 ft., and at the butt-end 9 ft.; its length eight feet was 330 ft. Many of the standing trees were, however, evidently much greater height than this. A tree of the same kind of timber, at the creek, contained on an acre of twenty large trees, of an apparent height of about 350 ft., and thirty spines of a height of 50 ft., the whole surrounded by a dense undergrowth fern trees, musk, dogwood, &c.

TO-DAY'S POLICE.—Henry Cotteray, a soldier of the 73rd Regiment, was with a party of a silver watch from Mr. Murphy, private to H.M.'s 73rd Regt., stated that, on April 23, he had never seen a produced safely in his possession in his time in the Barracks, but that in the evening of that day, he lost his watch. Defendant is in gaol in the same room in barracks, and he (plaintiff) had suspicions of defendant.

having taken the watch. He heard the watch had been sold to P. C. No. 2, and on the 8th instant, from certain information he went to a pawnbroker's shop, and there found his watch and chain, which he valued at \$12. He could not say whether the prisoner meant to return the watch or not. Michael Quinn, also private 73rd Regt., said that, on the 8th inst., prisoner asked him for a loan of \$4, as he wished to release Murphy's watch. He told a color sergeant, when the color-sargent, Almury, and witness accompanied prisoner to a pawnbroker's shop, where the watch was in Court was produced. Witness gave it as his opinion that the prisoner intended to restore the watch. The pawnbroker, doing business in Cochran Street, stated that prisoner pawned the watch and chain at about 6 p.m. on the 25th April, and received \$5, and showed the entry properly made in his books. On 8th, he produced the books and the watch and chain, upon inquiry being made for the same—P. C. 2 (European), who got the watch, showed an amount of obtuseness regarding his part in the transaction worthy of any of the Sheik Ali's which the new force could produce. He said he entered the pawn-broker's shop by warrant, although he did nothing of the sort; he observed that he had an interpreter with him; and could not point out the man in question; and altogether that the watch was not found for about a fortnight after the robbery took place.—Prisoner, in his defence, stated that it was a drunken "spree" from beginning to end, with the witness Murphy and Quinn, and that he took the watch at first only in "sky-larking." He pledged it with the purpose of spending the money in the same "spree" with those before named, and afterwards redeeming it and giving it back to Murphy, with a full explanation of the affair. He had been tried for the offence by Court Martial, and honorably acquitted thereof. He never intended to steal the watch, did not know what possessed him to take it, but told Quinn about it when he used the loan of the money.—

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His Worship said that he did not see much reason for doubting the statement of the prisoner; but at the same time it was clear that the robbery was committed by the prisoner, though he may have been in a state of semi-delirium. It was a very unfortunate thing for him, as the offence was not only committed against Murphy, but against the law. Restitution was the best thing which could be done, after a robbery had been committed, still that did not atone for the offence against or breach of the law. It was a case in which he could well exercise leniency, taking into consideration the intention to return the property; and he would send the prisoner to Gaol for one month only. [Here prisoner thanked the Magistrate.] Had there been no call for leniency, he would have sent prisoner to Gaol for at least six months. He hoped that prisoner would take a lesson and avoid getting into a delinquent state which made crimes such as the one in question so easy; prisoner well knew that many went to the Happy Valley on account of excessive use of drink, because they did not know when they were comfortable and had enough. As to the non-discovery of the watch at the first visit to the pawnbroker's, he would investigate that question on Wednesday next, when the pawnbroker and P. C. No. 2 would put it in appearance.

A Malay servant named Abdul Ranning, of steamer *Aden*, was charged with having assaulted a shipmate with a sling-shot. The complainant showed a cut on the head, made by the blow with the shot, and stated his unalterable belief (by the Kovan) that prisoner was the man who struck him. Prisoner denied all knowledge of the affair; but an European constable said that complainant had no hesitation in pointing out the prisoner on board the steamer at Aden.—His Worship said that he fully believed complainant. It was a very aggravated form of assault, and he might have fractured complainant's skull; he would send prisoner to Gaol for a month with hard labor.

Ho Ay and Low Ng Yau, two old offenders, were charged with the larceny of a jacket. It having been proved, however, that the first prisoner had nothing to do with the offence in question, he was ordered to find security for three months, as he had been two years previously at Stone-sitter's Island. Second prisoner was sent to Gaol for two months, as complainant swore on an imaginary cook's head that he was thief.

An American named Joseph Carlos appeared and made an application for a summons against the Sisters of Charity, for having detained his daughter against his wish. It appeared from Carlos' statement that the Vicar Apostolic (Father Eason) had refused to release the girl on the ground that Joseph Carlos was unemployed and was in the habit of getting drunk. His Worship ordered Joseph to ask personally for the release of the girl, and then act accordingly.

## CORRESPONDENCE.

To the Editor of the "CHINA MAIL."

9 MAY, 1868.

Sir.—In the statement his Excellency made at the recent meeting of the Legislative Council, when introducing the draft of various new Ordinances, he gave utterance to some remarks which require notice. First, in regard to the Fire Brigade, he expressed sorrow that the Insurance Companies had not given him the assistance he expected, whilst from the Chinese he had met ready support. What does this amount to, but simply that the Europeans are quite satisfied with the amount of arbitrary power already exercised in the Colony, and are unwilling voluntarily to place themselves in the power of a properly paid Superintendent over whom they had no control. Could not the Governor give up some of his despotic notions, and meet the Foreign Community half way?

Why should *Lends* be assessed for the support of a Fire Brigade? They are incombustible and are generally just as valuable after a fire as before, and consequently will derive no benefit from the Brigade.

Second, in regard to the Stamp Act, the Governor said that about the only point for which the Government cared to press for, was that the same revenue should be raised. Could it not be increased by making the Chinese contribute more? This point is raised because, only a few days ago, when having a collective draft to the Comprador for Collection, he was quite surprised when told to affix a dollar Stamp, and replied that it was only Chinese, showing I think that it was by a younger race, who have no sympathy with their intellectual culture, their polished manners, and their desire to live at peace with all men. As to their national in-

of Foreigners. A proclamation, and if possible, a conviction or two might materially increase the revenue.

Incidentally when referring to Stamps on Bills of Exchange the Governor uttered a loud flourish on trumpets about the poorer classes being able shortly to send small remittances with no additional charge except 2/- on £10 by means of Post Office orders. By this remark he shows that he either does not know what he is talking about, or that he is trying to use a vulgar but expressive phrase, to do the poor people in the eye."

What does he mean by £10?

Is it 10 sovereigns? or

Is it \$18 at 4/- in the Post Office rate of exchange, or

Is it a variable number of dollars depending upon the market rate of exchange?

Turning up old files of the *China Mail* we find the quotations on 8th May, for sovereigns in 1864 \$4.40, in 1865 \$4.55, and in 1866 \$4.60; and the equivalent of eight exchange at same time 47/8, 47/8 and 47/8 per £10, consequently the *ignorant* poor in those years instead of paying 2/- for getting their £10 remitted would have paid respectively \$4.76, \$0.48 and \$5.56 more than if they had gone to a Bank.

In the same way with sovereigns in 1864 and 1865 they would have had to pay 3/6 and 7/- respectively more than if they had gone to a Bank, but in 1866 they would have gained 3/6 by taking sovereigns to the Post Office.

For the variable rate, I should like to see the plan that would be proposed.

It would, no doubt, be interesting to Bankers,

and that he had an interpreter with him,

and that he took the watch at first

only in "sky-larking."

He pledged it with the

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## 4 Post-Office Notifications.

## MAILS WILL CLOSE:

For INDIA, EUROPE, &c.  
For La Compagnie des Services Maritimes des Messageries Imperiales St. "TIGRE," Saturday, 23rd inst., at 11 o'clock A.M. To and through the United Kingdom via Marseilles; to France and other Continental States (in a closed mail to France); to Saigon, Singapore, Galle, India, Aden, Socotra, Reunion and Mauritius, Suez and Alexandria. Letters for Registration will be received until Noon on 23rd instant.

Correspondence intended to be forwarded by the vessels of the above company must be supercharged per Message-ries Imperiales Packet.

F. W. MITCHELL,  
Postmaster General.

General Post Office,  
Hongkong, May 1, 1868.

MAILS BY THE "MALACCA."

The Contract Packet "MALACCA" will be despatched with the usual Mails for Europe, &c., on FRIDAY, the 15th May, at 7 A.M., and the Post Office will be open for the reception of Ordinary Letters, Letters for Registration, Newspapers, Books, &c., until 9 P.M. on the 14th Inst.; Letters, &c., may be posted in the night box from 9 P.M. on the 14th Inst. until 5 A.M. on the following morning.

All Letters posted between 5 and 6 A.M. on the 15th May will be chargeable, in addition to the usual postage, with a Late Fee of 18 cents.

The latest time for posting Letters at this Office is 6 A.M. and for Newspapers, Books, or Patterns 6 A.M. on the 15th May.

Further, late letters (but Letters only) addressed to the United Kingdom via Marseilles or to Singapore, may be posted on board the Packet from 6.30 to 6.00 A.M. on payment of a late fee of 48 cents each, in addition to the postage, after which no Letters can be received.

Sealed Boxes containing the correspondence of Box Holders will be received at the window set apart for the purpose, on the East Side of the building.

All correspondence for places to which payment is compulsory must be prepaid in Hongkong Postage Stamps.

Inadequately-stamped Letters addressed to the United Kingdom will be sent on, charged with a line of One Shilling in addition to the postage.

Letters posted after 5 A.M. on the 15th May will not be forwarded, unless the Late Fee as well as the postage is prepaid.

Letters inadequately stamped or unstamped addressed to places to which they cannot be forwarded unpaid, will be opened and returned to the writers as early as possible, but no guarantee can be given that such Letters, if posted after 5 P.M. on the 14th Inst., will be returned until after the mail is closed.

Postage Stamps should be placed on the upper right hand corner of the correspondence, except in cases where they may be used in payment of "Late Fees," when the Stamp or Stamps representing the late fee should be placed on the lower left-hand corner.

All transactions in fractional parts of a Dollar will be conducted in the Coins prescribed by Ordinance 1, of 1864, and the Proclamation of the 22nd January, 1864, and no other Coins, but those therein specified will either be received or given in change as fractional parts of a Dollar.

Payment for Postage Stamps must be made in the current Dollars of the Colony or Bank Notes.

F. W. MITCHELL,  
Postmaster General.

General Post Office,  
Hongkong, May 4, 1868.

IT is hereby notified for general information that henceforward Book Packets and Packets of Samples or Patterns may be transmitted by the Post in the Mails by the British Contract Packets between Hongkong, Shanghai, Yokohama, and Nagasaki, at the following rates, viz.—

FOR A BOOK PACKET, OR A PACKET ON PATTERNS

Under 4 ounces, 6 cents.  
Above 4 ounces and not exceeding 8 ounces, 12 "

Above 8 ounces and not exceeding 12 ounces, 18 "

Above 12 ounces and not exceeding 16 ounces, 24 "

For every additional 4 ozs. 6 "

The Postage must in all cases be paid in advance.

Special attention is directed to the following Rules and Regulations which will be strictly enforced:

AS REGARDS BOOKS.

A Book Packet may contain any number of separate Books, Almanacs, Maps or Prints, and any quantity of paper, vellum or parchment (to the exclusion of letters whether sealed or open); and the Books, Maps, Paper, &c., may be either printed, written or plain, or any mixture of the three.

All legitimate binding, mounting, or covering of the same or of a portion thereof, will be allowed, whether such binding be loose or attached; also a label in the case of prints, markers (whether of paper or otherwise), in the case of Books, and in short whatever is necessary for the safe transmission of literary or artistic matter or usually appertains thereto.

Every Book packet must be either without a cover, or in a cover open at the ends or sides.

It must not contain any letter, open or sealed, nor any sealed enclosure whatever. No packet must exceed two feet in length, breadth or depth; exceeding these dimensions it cannot be forwarded through the Post.

AS REGARDS PATTERNS.

They must not be of intrinsic value. This rule excludes all articles of a saleable nature, and indeed, whatever may have a value of its own, apart from its mere use as a pattern; and the quantity of any material sent ostensibly as a pattern must not be so great that it can fairly be considered as having on this ground an intrinsic value.

There must be no writing or marks other than the address of the person for whom the packet is intended, a trade mark and numbers, and prices of the articles; otherwise the Packet will be detained or forwarded charged as an unpaid letter.

The Patterns must be sent in covers open at the ends, so as to be easy of examination. Samples however, of seeds, drugs, and so forth, which cannot be sent in open covers, may be enclosed in bags of linen or other material, tied at the neck; bags so

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closed that they cannot readily be opened, even although they be transparent, must not be used for this purpose. Non-compliance with this rule will also subject the packet to be detained, or forwarded as an unpaid letter.

The Patterns or the contents thereof must not contain any indecent, sealed or otherwise closed against inspection.

In all other respects the general regulations of the Post Office will apply to the Pattern Post. Under these regulations, in order to prevent any interruption to the regular transmission of Letters, a Packet of Patterns may, when it is necessary to keep back for the following Mail by which, in the ordinary course, it would be forwarded.

The decision of the Postmaster General as to the eligibility of any Packet, pattern or sample contained therein, to be forwarded under these regulations, will be final and conclusive.

The rule which forbids the transmission through the Post of any article likely to injure the contents of the Mail Bags or Boxes, or the person of any Officer of the Post Office, is, of course, applicable to the Pattern Post; and a packet containing anything of the kind will be stopped, and not sent to its destination. Articles such as the following have been occasionally posted as Patterns and have been detained as unfit for the Post, viz.: Metal boxes, porcelain and china, fruits, vegetables, bunches of flowers, cuttings of plants, aprons, knives, scissars, needles, pins, pieces of machinery, sharp pointed instruments, samples of metals, samples of ore, samples in glass bottles, pieces of glass, acids of various kinds, curvy combs, copper and steel engraving, plates and confectionery of all kinds.

F. W. MITCHELL,  
Postmaster General.

General Post Office,  
Hongkong, April 8, 1868.

MAILS BY THE "MALACCA."

The Contract Packet "MALACCA" will be despatched with the usual Mails for Europe, &c., on FRIDAY, the 15th May, at 7 A.M., and the Post Office will be open for the reception of Ordinary Letters, Letters for Registration, Newspapers, Books, &c., until 9 P.M. on the 14th Inst.; Letters, &c., may be posted in the night box from 9 P.M. on the 14th Inst. until 5 A.M. on the following morning.

All Letters posted between 5 and 6 A.M. on the 15th May will be chargeable, in addition to the usual postage, with a Late Fee of 18 cents.

The latest time for posting Letters at this Office is 6 A.M. and for Newspapers, Books, or Patterns 6 A.M. on the 15th May.

Further, late letters (but Letters only) addressed to the United Kingdom via Marseilles or to Singapore, may be posted on board the Packet from 6.30 to 6.00 A.M. on payment of a late fee of 48 cents each, in addition to the postage, after which no Letters can be received.

Sealed Boxes containing the correspondence of Box Holders will be received at the window set apart for the purpose, on the East Side of the building.

All correspondence for places to which payment is compulsory must be prepaid in Hongkong Postage Stamps.

Inadequately-stamped Letters addressed to the United Kingdom will be sent on, charged with a line of One Shilling in addition to the postage.

Letters posted after 5 A.M. on the 15th May will not be forwarded, unless the Late Fee as well as the postage is prepaid.

Letters inadequately stamped or unstamped addressed to places to which they cannot be forwarded unpaid, will be opened and returned to the writers as early as possible, but no guarantee can be given that such Letters, if posted after 5 P.M. on the 14th Inst., will be returned until after the mail is closed.

Postage Stamps should be placed on the upper right hand corner of the correspondence, except in cases where they may be used in payment of "Late Fees," when the Stamp or Stamps representing the late fee should be placed on the lower left-hand corner.

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## For Sale.

FOR SALE.  
CASES Martine's Aromatic BITTERS, superior quality.  
PORT.  
MULLER & CLAUSSON,  
Hongkong, January 13, 1868.

FOR SALE.  
Very Superior DRY SHERRY in 2 doz. cases.  
W. J. Superior DRY SHERRY in 2 doz. cases.  
Received ex "THE TWEED."  
MORGAN, LAMBERT & Co.,  
Hongkong, February 1, 1868.

FOR SALE.  
LAPAGNE in quarts and pints.  
de Montebello.  
gen. Cigarets.  
St. Marceaux & Co.  
HESSE & Co.,  
Hongkong, February 7, 1868.

FOR SALE.  
Silicated Carbon FILTERS of  
various Sizes and Patterns.  
lower BATHS.  
RAY & Co.,  
Hongkong, April 13, 1868.

FOR SALE.  
CUBIC FEET MANILA  
TIMBER, to arrive per  
barque "MARIA MORTON,"  
to  
EVYNA N BROTHERS & Co.,  
Hongkong, February 26, 1868.

FOR SALE.  
JUST LANDED.  
New cases Superior Manila  
CIGARS and CHEROOTS.  
Hand assortment of genuine  
CIGARETTES.  
ELFELD and ZACHARIAE,  
Hongkong, April 29, 1868.

FOR SALE.  
INTONS' PUMPS  
as under.  
7 inch, 3 lift patent PUMP,  
th Cast Iron flywheel and  
handles, and with 6 hole 7 inch  
action plate, with goose neck  
pipes and fittings complete.  
Do. do. do.  
6 inch Gun Metal FIRE-  
EN-  
INES, with Hoses complete.  
BOWRA & Co.,  
Hongkong, January 21, 1868.

YON SAUSAGES in best condition.  
CHEESE and HAMS.  
Assorted French CONFECTIONARY.  
Malaga RAISINS in bottles and tins.  
ALMONDS in shells.  
Pealed ALMONDS in tins.  
Elm FIGS in tins.  
PRUNES in bottle.  
Smoked Pomeranian GOOSEBREASTS,  
at

LAMMERT, ATKINSON & Co.,  
Hongkong, December 20, 1867.

SOCIAL LIFE OF THE CHINESE,  
in 2 Volumes, by Revd. JESUS  
DOUGLITTE, is For Sale at Messrs LANE,  
CRAWFORD & Co., Hongkong and Shanghai.  
Price, \$5.00.  
Hongkong, March 20, 1868. 20mar-69

FOR SALE.  
YELLOW METAL and NAILS, 18 to  
23 oz.

Superior CLARET, St. PIERRE, 1852.

Superior CHAMPAGNE, H. PIPER & Co.,  
Co. carta blanca.

SPRITS OF WINE, in Boxes of 1 doz.

Bottles, RAYNAL & Co.,  
Hongkong, October 1, 1868.

FOR SALE.  
YELLOW METAL, 18 to 28 oz. Munts  
and Vivians. JOHN BURD & Co.,  
Hongkong, April 6, 1868.

FOR SALE.  
Just arrived.

2 BROADWOOD'S Grand PIANOS, may  
be had at Wholesale Price.

Address "A," Office of this paper.  
Hongkong, December 31, 1867.

STEAM COALS.

For Sale from Store, or deliverable on Board.

ENGLISH—Londonderry West Hartley,  
E. Davison's West Hartley, Straker,  
West Hartley.

WELSH—Blanware Marthyr.

Apply to BOB. S. WALKER & Co.,  
Hongkong, March 16, 1868.

NOTICE.

HONGKONG AND WHAMPOA DOCK  
COMPANY, LIMITED.

FOR SALE.

THE Hulk CELESTIAL, as she now lies  
at Aberdeen, in good order, well  
found, and suitable for a floating store or  
residence.

For particulars, apply to

JNO. S. LAPRAIK,  
Secretary.

Hongkong, March 16, 1868.

FOR SALE.

Ex late Arrivals.

PRIME California CHEESE.  
Do. Gruyere Do.  
Do. California BUTTER.

100 barrels Prime Hamburg MESS PORK.

Prime Westphalia HAMS, at

LAMMERT, ATKINSON & Co.,  
Hongkong, December 20, 1867.

FOR SALE.

A FEW cases of very superior SHERRY,  
just received ex "Channel Queen."

H. Superior Amontillado SHERRY  
in 3 doz. cases.

H. Superior Oloroso SHERRY in 3  
doz. cases.

H. Extra Superfine SHERRY in 2  
doz. cases.

H. Quarter-casks (cased) Superior  
Oloroso SHERRY.

Apply to

GIBB, LIVINGSTON & Co.,  
Hongkong, January 27, 1868.

FOR SALE BY THE UNDERSIGNED.

HARMONIUMS and other Musical  
INSTRUMENTS.

Christy Minstrel's SONGS. Pianoforte  
OPERAS.

VIOLIN and other STRINGS, &c. &c.  
INSTRUMENTS tuned and repaired.

C. WAGNER.

28, Hollywood Road.

Hongkong, August 2, 1868. 2a-68

FOR SALE.

MERCHANTS' MUTUAL  
MARINE INSURANCE COMPANY,  
SAN FRANCISCO.

PAID UP CAPITAL, \$500,000.

THE Undersigned having been appointed  
Agents in Hongkong and China for the  
above Company, are prepared to grant  
Policies at Current Rates.

OLYPHANT & Co.

Hongkong, August 9, 1868.

SUN FIRE OFFICE.

THE Undersigned having been appointed  
Agents for the above Office, are pre-  
pared to grant Policies against FIRE, on  
the usual Terms and Conditions.

Rates will also be accepted at the follow-  
ing Ports:

Canton, by MESSRS DEACON & Co.  
Macao, " E. L. LANCA, Esq.  
Amoy, " MESSRS BOYD & Co.  
Fulchau, " MESSRS KINNEAR & Co.

Full particulars of Rates, &c., may be  
obtained on application to

ADAM SCOTT & Co., Agents.

Hongkong, May 22, 1868.

FOR SALE.

Copper SHEATHING and NAILS.

COMPOSITION NAILS.

ALPAGNE.

WINE.

In glass, all of super-  
ior quality.

AGUNDY.

PALE ALE.

STOUT.

Apply to

CARLOWITZ & Co.

Hongkong, March 18, 1868.

and published by CHARLES ARTHUR  
ST, Proprietor, at No. 3, Wyndham  
St, Victoria, Hongkong.

No. 1539.—MAY 11, 1868.]

## For Sale.

FOR SALE.  
HAMPAGNE, Adolphe Collins and  
L. Journe & Co.'s Association Vins-  
eux.  
CLARET, real Château Margaux.  
Haut Bages.  
L. Espace Durac.  
BRANDY, Hennessy's and Martel's in  
1 dozen cases.  
BEER and PORTER in bottle.  
BUTTER (Platta) in kgs.  
Also.  
A quantity of Iron COLUMNS, Yellow  
METAL, 20/28 oz with NAILS.  
Apply to

DOUGLAS LAPRAIK & Co.,  
Hongkong, December 11, 1867.

HENDRIE, Prieur & Lubin's Fine Ass-  
ortment of PERFUMES.

Also.

DAWSON & SONS' BOOTS.

For Sale, at greatly Reduced Prices, by

JULES EUSTRE,

Hair Dressing Room, Up-stairs.

Hongkong, December 4, 1867.

FOR SALE.

M. UNTZ's Patent Yellow METAL  
SHRATHING, from 20 to 24 oz.,  
Composition NAILS, Brown Sheathing  
FELT.

LAMMERT, ATKINSON & Co.,  
Hongkong, February 22, 1868.

EX MAIL STEAMER.

YON SAUSAGES in best condition.

CHEESE and HAMS.

Assorted French CONFECTIONARY.

Malaga RAISINS in bottles and tins.

ALMONDS in shells.

Pealed ALMONDS in tins.

Elm FIGS in tins.

PRUNES in bottle.

Smoked Pomeranian GOOSEBREASTS,  
at

LAMMERT, ATKINSON & Co.,  
Hongkong, December 20, 1867.

THE QUEEN INSURANCE  
COMPANY.

CAPITAL, Two MILLION STERLING.

THE Undersigned having been appointed  
Agents for the above named Company,  
are prepared to grant Policies against FIRE,  
either at this Port, or at Macao, Canton or  
Whampoa, to the extent of £15,000, in any  
one Risk upon Buildings or Merchandise,  
on the usual terms.

3rd.—That Saltpepper and Nitrates should  
be stored in like manner in buildings  
of substantial structure (without  
internal wood work) appropriated ex-  
clusively to such articles.

4th.—That the rate for the foregoing articles  
be not less than (2%) two per cent.

5th.—That Gunpowder should be stored  
in some fitting place either on shore  
or in the Bay, under proper regulations  
and at sufficient distance from all other  
property.

6th.—That a clause be inserted in every  
policy covering ordinary godowns, declar-  
ing that Petroleum and its products,  
Saltpepper, Nitrates and Gun-  
powder, are not deposited therein.

7th.—That the foregoing regulations re-  
garding the storage of goods do come  
into operation on and after the 6th  
July next.

8th.—That no Insurance on Chinese  
House shall in future be taken at a  
lower rate than (2%) two and a half  
per cent. per annum.

Above 1 month and not  
exceeding 3 months, 1/2 per cent.

Above 3 months and not  
exceeding 6 months, 1/4 per cent.

Above 6 months, the full annual rate.

HOLLIDAY, WISE & Co.,  
Agents.

Hongkong, April 8, 1868.

NOTICE.

QUEEN INSURANCE COMPANY.

THE following Rates will be charged in  
future for short period Insurances,  
viz—

Not exceeding 1 month, 1/2 per cent.

Above 1 month and not  
exceeding 3 months, 1/4 per cent.

Above 3 months and not  
exceeding 6 months, 1/4 per cent.

Above 6 months, the full annual rate.

HOLLIDAY, WISE & Co.,  
Agents.

Hongkong, April 8, 1868.

THE LONDON ASSURANCE  
CORPORATION.

THE Undersigned having been appointed  
Agents of the above Corporation, are  
prepared to grant Fire and Marine Insur-  
ances on the usual terms.

HOLLIDAY, WISE & Co.,  
Agents.

Hongkong, December 29, 1867.

LONDON ASSURANCE COR-  
PORATION.

THE following rates will be charged for  
Short Period Insurances:

One month, 1/2 per cent.

Three months, 1/4 per cent.

Six months, 1/4 per cent.

12 months, 1/4 per cent.

18 months, 1/4 per cent.

24 months, 1/4 per cent.

30 months, 1/4 per cent.

36 months, 1/4 per cent.

42 months, 1/4 per cent.

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